

REMARKS

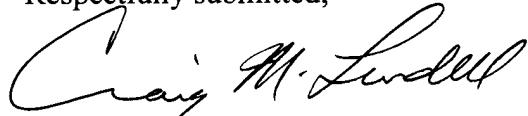
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-5 and 7 were allowed. Claims 6 and 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for various reasons as stated in the Office Action. By this paper, claims 6 and 8-11 have been amended to overcome these rejections.

Claims 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Lovett in view of Borrel. By this paper, claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the term "consisting essentially of" into item (c) of claim 8. Thus, amended claim 8 clearly is limited to a system in which there is a single recovery and stripper column that is not used in conjunction with an enrichment column. Such a system is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is now in condition for allowance and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly requested.

Should the Examiner find any impediment to the prompt allowance of the claims that could be corrected by telephone interview by Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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